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Chief in and over the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, with full power and authority to appoint officers, both civil and military within the same. I, reposing special Trust in your Loyalty and Courage and Good Conduct, do by these presents appoint you, the said Andrew Lockridge, Captain of the Militia of the County of Augusta. You are therefore to act as Captain by exercising officers and soldiers under your command. Taking particular care that they are provisioned with arms and ammunition as the laws of the Colonies direct, and you are to observe and follow di-

It will be seen above that the pioneer, John Graham had four daughters, Jane, Florence, Betty and Anne. My four daughters, Betty, Florence, Anne and Jane are of the seventh generation from grandpère Graham and by peculiar coincidence bear the same names as his daughters. I know when mother named our children she knew little about her Graham ancestry, but was merely following the good old custom of bestowing family names.

Note must be made too that the popular name of Lanty in Pocahontas county comes from Lancelot, the eldest son of John Graham.]

rections from time to time as you shall receive from me or any other superior officer according to the rules of discipline of war in pursuance of the trust reposed in you.

"Given at Williamsburg under my hand and Seal of the Colony this 18th day of March and in the eighth year of his Majesties' reign, Annoque Domini 1768.

Signed, Deane.

His Excellency, John, Earl of Dunmore, Viscount, Fincastle; Baron Murray, of Blair, Monmouth and of Tillmott, Lieutenant, and Governor General of his Majesties' Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same.

This is on parchment and in fine scroll, tinted with a golden and pale blue ribbon. The original is still in the possession of a descendant in Virginia, Captain William Amis.

Some marriage records from Chalkley.

Thomas Gwinn married Elizabeth Lockridge, daughter of Sam and Lockridge, 1761. James Gwinn was witness.

Andrew Lockridge, Jr., and Christina Youell, March 21, 1771. William Youell, security.

John Youell and Sarah Gwinn, wife of Captain Lockridge, 1772.

Robert Gwinn and Rebecca Lockridge, daughter of Robert Lockridge, November 18, 1788. Neighbors of Captain Lockridge.

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In addition to the bequests mentioned in the foregoing will the records of Augusta Co. show that in the year of 1763 John Graham, Senior deed to each of his three sons a large plantation on the Calf Pasture river. It is presumed that he gave each of his daughters an estate in addition that named in the will.

John Graham the Second married Martha Patton lived and died on a portion of his father's land on the Calf Pasture. He had 5 sons and 3 daughters. John Graham the Second born in 1726, died in 1815.

Martha, born

died

Their children's names were John 3rd, born

died

married ?

born

died

James born ?

died

married ?

born

died

Robert born

died

married

born

died

Margaret Kinkaid

William born

died

married

born

died

Isabella Perkins

Lanty born

died

married

born

died

Margaret born
died
married
born
died

Elisabeth born
died
married Robert Bratton
born
died

Martha born
died 1832
married Robert Dunlap 1800
born 1772
died 1858

They had Robert Dunlap who married Miss McCutcheon he died in Crawfordville Indiana, of fever soon after he was married.

John Dunlap married Miss Crawford and died the same time as his brother Robert, of milk sickness.

Nancy Dunlap, born in 1796 married 1824 to James Templeton, a Presbyterian Minister who was a graduate of Hampden Sydney. He died in Indiana Henry Co. at the same time as his brothers in law. Nancy Dunlap Templeton with her two children returned to Va. made her home with her brother Charles Dunlap on a part of the ancestral estate of John Graham Senior. She had two children: James Templeton Jr. M.D. married and had Howard Templeton, writer and journalist. He died in 1925 at the White Sulphur Springs in West Va. He married and had children, names unknown.

Martha Templeton of Nancy Dunlap Templeton, died unmarried. Mitchell Dyer Dunlap (fourth child) born in 1809, became a leading Presbyterian minister of his day in Pendleton Co. S. Va. He had a classical school and was loved and revered and mentioned as the first educator in S. Va. history. He was a graduate of Hampden Sydney College with a B.S. He married his cousin Mary Jane Dunlap _____ of Surber Co. S. Va. One child Robert was born and died in infancy.
7th Child

Isabella Dunlap married James Walker and their child's name was Jane Walker.

married Dr. Mackey M.D.

Child

Fatsy who married Louis Bratton and had John, Mitchell and Rebecca

Mitchell Bratton lived and died near Millboro Va. _____ He married

Miss _____ Groves. Several children, names unknown.

Rebecca Bratton married Towaley Gauthers they had Charles, Ashley, Robert, Sally, Rose, Patty and Margaret.

Charles Dunlap b 18__ d 1870 = 1892 -

Mar - Martha Pauline Alexander

Issue 7 -

My father was the fourth child of this union

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Harness of the south branch Manor in the County of Hampshire, State of V; being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & and that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & say prevent lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefor to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following viz: -

Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my decease

Item - I join & devise unto my beloved wife Elisabeth one third part of my plantation _____ & tenements or yards and all belonging to it, during her life as also two slaves, one negro man, named Manuel, and one wench named Rachel, to labor for her during her life, and if said wench should bare any children, the half to be my wife's own for her & her heirs forever and after her decease the above named Manuel & Rachel and their increase as above, to be returned to my son, Jacob Harness, to be his own & heirs forever, and I give to my beloved wife one third of all my other effects & moveables & also one third in moneys left by me to be her own forever -

Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Harness, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all _____ of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest son with lands & other necessaries before in forever times, all to be his without molestation forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Harness one equal part of the moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son George Harness one equal part in moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son Peter Harness, one negro named Will & also one equal part in my moneys to be his & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my grandson, Michall Harness, & his sister Elis. Robinson, one equal share of moneys left by me to be divided among them.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elis. Yoakum & Barbara See & likewise Dorothy Hornbeck & Margerethe Hornbeck likewise each one of them to have equal part in moneys left by me to be theirs & their heirs forever & no more -

And lastly I hereby appoint my son John Harness & my soninlaw Samuel Hornbeck sole executors of my last will & testament. I hereby revoke & make void all other wills.

In witness thereof I set my hand & seal this ____ day 1774.

Michael Harness

In witness thereof

Anthony Baker, Joseph Potty, Jacob Yoakum

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Barnes of the south branch river in the County of Hampshire, State of Vj being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & and that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & my prevent lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefore to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following viz: -

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Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Barnes, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all _____ of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest sons with lands & other necessities before in forever times, all to be his without collection forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Barnes one equal part of the moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son George Barnes one equal part in moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son Peter Harness, one negro named Will & also one equal part in my moneys to be his & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my grandson, Michall Harness, & his sister Elis. Robinson, one equal share of moneys left by me to be divided among them -

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elis. Isaham & Barbara Ann & likewise Dorothy Hornbeck & Marguertha Hornbeck likewise each one of them to have equal part in moneys left by me to be theirs & their heirs forever & no more -

And lastly I hereby appoint my son John Harness & my son-in-law Samuel Hornbeck sole executors of my last will & testament. I hereby revoke & make void all other wills.

In witness thereof I set my hand & seal this ___ day 1774.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one third part of my Michael Harness & testaments or goods and all belonging to us, during her life In witness thereof, she negro man, named Daniel, and one young man named Rachel, be sold for her & Anthony Baker, Joseph Petty, Jacob Isakson, my children, the wife to be my wife and for her & her heirs forever and after her death the above named Daniel & Rachel and their issue as above, to be returned to my son, Jacob Isakson, to be his and his heirs forever and I give to my beloved wife one third part of my other moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs -

Item - I give & bequeath to my youngest son, Jacob Harness, of plantation, real & personal estate, all his land of husbandry and all household goods and one half of the living stock & also all my slaves except one negro man named Daniel & also one third in moneys left by me to be his and his heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Elis. Robinson, one half of the plantation & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Barbara Ann, one half of the plantation & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Dorothy Hornbeck, one half of the plantation & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Marguertha Hornbeck, one half of the plantation & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Harness one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be his and his heirs forever and I give to my son, Samuel Hornbeck, one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be his and his heirs forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter, Elis. Isaham, one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Barbara Ann, one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Dorothy Hornbeck, one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever and I give to my daughter, Marguertha Hornbeck, one equal part in my moneys & goods & also one third in moneys left by me to be her and her heirs forever -

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Barnes of the north branch hamlet in the County of Hampshire, State of V; being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & my present lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefore to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following viz: as so to be theirs - Their heirs forever & no more -

Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my decease¹ and my last & seal this 27th day 1774.

Item - I join & devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one third part of my plantation _____ & tenements or yards and all belonging to it, during her life as also two slaves, one negro man, named Samuel, and one wench named Rachel, to labor for her during her life, and if said wench should bare any children, the half to be my wife's own for her & her heirs forever and after her decease the above named Samuel & Rachel and their increase as above, to be returned to my sons, Jacob Barnes, to be his own & heirs forever, and I give to my beloved wife one third of all my other effects & movables & also one third in money left by me to be her own forever -

Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Barnes, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all _____ of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest sons with lands & other necessaries before in former times, all to be his without selection forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Barnes one equal part of the money left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

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